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SUBJECT: ESCAP - RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR 1580'S

1. ESCAP COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AFTER LONG AND HARD NEGOTIATION HAS PRODUCED DRAFT (SEE BELOW) ON REGIONAL INPUT FOR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN 180'S. WHILE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINS LANGUAGE RE NIEO WHICH IS AWKWARD FOR U.S. IT ALSO CONTAINS LANGUAGE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE AS WELL AS REFERENCE TO BASIC NEEDS WHICH TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER YET BEEN ACHIEVED IN RESOLUTION FORM WITHIN UN SYSTEM. I INVITE YOUR ATTENTION SPECIFICALLY TO ALST PREAMBULAR PARAS AS WELL AS OPERATIVE PARA 4. DILEMMA IS THAT IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE THIS DRAFT, COMPROMISE IS SO FRAGILE THAT NO REPEAT NO SINGLE COUNTRY WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AS SPONSOR. DANGER IS THAT WITHOUT
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SPONSORS DRAFT HAS NO STATUS WITHIN UN SYSTEM AND RISKS BECOMING AT MOST A PREAMBLE TO SOME DOCUMENT OR ELSE BEING LOST ENTIRELY. IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION TO U.S. STATEMENT DELIVERED LAST WEEK, I SUGGEST WE TAKE FIRST STEP AND OFFER TO BE ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS WHICH I FEEL WOULD TRIGGER RESPONSE FROM REGIONAL MEMBERS.

2. NEED RESPONSE BY COB THURSDAY, WASHINGTON TIME.

3. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI) CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, AND RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 154 (XXXI), CONTAINING THE NEW DELHI DECLARATION, IN WHICH IT DECLARES THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SHOULD APPROACH THEIR VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN A SPIRIT OF EXPANDING SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND GROWING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND WHICH CONSTITUTES A REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1980S BY FOCUSING ON GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE,

FURTHER RECALLING ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2125 (LXIII) AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/182 ON THE PREPARATIONS OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS WELL AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/174 ON THE ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

BEARING IN MIND ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2090 AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/57 ON THE EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH RELATE TO REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY;

BEARING IN MIND ALSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3409 (XXX) ON AN UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND PLANNING, RESOLUTION 31/38 ON NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND RESOLUTION 32/179 ON THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS NOT BROUGHT ABOUT ADEQUATE IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE POOREST, AND THAT REAL PER CAPITA INCOME IN SOME OF THE LEAST DE-

VELOPED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY HANDICAPPED COUNTRIES OF THE
REGION HAS DECLINED, AND ALSO THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH DOES NOT OF ITSELF ENSURE THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY
AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE,

FURTHER RECOGNIZING THAT GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE CALLS
FOR CONCERTED AND COOPERATIVE ACTION BY BOTH DEVELOPING
AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALIKE IN RESOLVING THEIR VARIOUS
PROBLEMS, AND THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND
STRENGTHEN THIS COOPERATIVE PROCESS IF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
FACING THE WORLD IN THE 1980S ARE TO BE ADEQUATELY OVERCOME,

MOTIVATED BY THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE BENEFITS OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOTH WITHIN ESCAP COUNTRIES
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AND BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD
COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE ARE SHARED MORE EQUITABLY:

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1. AFFIRMS THAT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD AIM AT THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED SINCE THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA,

2. AFFIRMS THAT CONSTRAINTS ON THE GROWTH OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE GROWTH OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SPEEDILY EASED, THAT TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE STIMULATED AND THE FLOW OF REAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ENHANCED,

3. RECOGNIZES THAT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD RECTIFY THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE 1970'S THROUGH, INTER ALIA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(A) TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LANDLOCKED AND DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES;

(B) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE HETEROGENEITY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND THE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THOSE OBJECTIVES;

(C) TAKING A FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO THE FORMULATION AND ADJUSTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TARGETS AND DEFINING WAYS IN WHICH THESE TARGETS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED.

4. AFFIRMS THAT THE INPUT FROM THE ESCAP REGION INTO PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NECESSITY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH, INTER ALIA, A CONTINUING EFFORT TO ELIMINATE POVERTY WITH THE PROVISION OF BASIC NEEDS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE, TO ACHIEVE A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION BY THE POPULATION, ESPECIALLY BY THE RURAL POOR, IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT,

5. CALLS UPON THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WHEN PREPARING THE REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FORMULATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 1980S TO:

(A) ENSURE THAT FULL ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE

VIEWS OF THE COMMISSION AS INDICATED IN THE ABOVE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS;

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(B) ALSO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE AGREED VIEWS ON THE STRATEGY CONTAINED IN THE 34TH SESSION'S REPORT PARTICULARLY THOSE SPECIFYING EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO REMOVE THE MAIN OBSTACLES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO AS TO ENHANCE THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE;

(C) CONTINUE TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN THE PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE; ENERGY; RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES; TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; INTERNATIONAL TRADE, TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCE TRANSFERS; AND INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT;

(D) DEVELOP STRATEGIES WHICH REFLECT PARTICULAR NEEDS IN THE ESCAP REGION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL OBJECTIVES ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO:

- SHIPPING,
- POPULATION,
- INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS,
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
- MOBILIZATION OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES,
- INDUSTRIALIZATION, NOTABLY RURAL, SMALL-SCALE AND AND LABOR-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES,
- MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,
- LAND REFORM AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF AGRARIAN INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVE MOVEMENTS;

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- HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

(E) EXPLORE NEW PATTERNS OF SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND NECESSITATED BY THE FACT OF INCREASING GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND BY THE NEED TO ENSURE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

(F) ENSURE THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS IS TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.

6. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE COORDINATION WITH THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN PURSUANCE OF THE PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS OF THE ECOSOC AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1980.

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